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Subject: Fw: Dimock, fracking, and re-testing water

Shawn,
See below. Can we say, "its cabot data that was provided to us by the residents"
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From: <timothy.gardner@thomsonreuters.com>
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Subject: RE: Dimock, fracking, and re-testing water

Many thanks Betsaida,

Can you tell me exactly who the hundreds of pages of data is from? Is it from the legal representatives of residents in Dimock? A lawyer for them is telling us that the original samples that Cabot handed over were filtered.

Or is this from another source in Dimock?

Thanks, Tim

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Subject: Re: Dimock, fracking, and re-testing water

Hi Tim,
Happy 2012! Hope all is well.

This is the latest that we have on Dimock

"EPA has recently received and reviewed hundreds of pages of data supplied to the Agency by Dimock residents. While EPA is not in a position to make any conclusions about the data we have in hand because there are gaps, we believe that additional information is needed to better understand the situation in Dimock and respond appropriately. Therefore, EPA is considering next steps including conducting some samples of well water in the area. We will evaluate the sampling results and share them with the residents, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Cabot.

Natural gas plays a key role in our nation's clean energy future and the Obama Administration is committed to ensuring that the development of this vital resource occurs safely and responsibly. At the direction of Congress, and separate from this limited sampling, EPA has begun a national study on the potential impacts of hydraulic fracturing on drinking water resources."

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Hi Betsaida, Brendan,

Happy New Year!
Working with a colleague who is hearing from residents in fracking
country Dimock Pa that the EPA will retest the water there after
approving it in November.

Wonder if someone could get back to me. We have names of the EPA workers
in Dimmock who have been talking with residents there.

Best, Tim

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